

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment the specification is amended to make certain clarifications and address minor informalities. The changes made to the specification are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

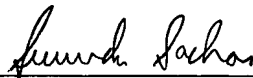
Further, Claims 10 and 19 are amended by the present response to no longer recite any improper multiple dependencies.

Substitute Figures 6 and 19 are also submitted herein. Substitute Figure 6 now properly recites the term " K_{\max} " in step S1 and substitute Figure 19 now recites the proper term "Send Signal Before Processing" in the top portion thereof. The substitute figures are not believed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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